

## Franks under Charlemagne

Saxons were subdued. They accept Christianity.

General revolt of Saxons under WIDUKIND or WITTEKIND

Franks army defeated.

780

Constantine VI succeeds Leo IV

780 - 803

1912 Dates, J-BK

East Empire  
Irene has her son (Constantine)  
blinded and deposed.  
She reigns until 803.

The accession of a woman was  
a pretext for transferring the  
crown from the Eastern Empire  
to the Western.

£780

The Gelosian Soemantay  
Catholic liturgical book.

AD 780-1070

## VIKINGS

Scandinavian raiders, merchants, and explorers, the Vikings were active throughout Europe from 780-1070. The term 'Viking' derives from the old Norse word *vik*, meaning, 'INLET'. Western European forces usually called them ~~norsemen~~<sup>Northmen</sup>. Trade & exploration were probably the most important elements of Viking activity.

In late 8th cen. they began to attack & plunder neighbouring regions. As kingdoms emerged, aristocrats turned to *raiding* as the quickest way to obtain the heroic reputation needed to attract a large following and

th wealth in precious metals to support it. Some  
established trade ships (in Russia [Kiev]; France [Normandy];  
England [Danelaw]) stretching from Essex to Cumberland.

From late 10th cen. Scandinavian kings took control of the  
raiding activities as part of their own military policy.  
The Vikings had the advantage of mobility, and the rapidity  
of their raids produced surprise and terror. Confrontation  
with heavily armored soldiers in England & on the Continent  
resulted in defeat more often than victory.

Viking established trade routes to Byzantium & the Near  
East. Waterfronts Dublin were originally Viking markets.

780-797

Constantine VI born c770

Byzantine emperor, son & successor of LEON IV. His mother, IRENE was regent till 790 when she was deposed by military revolt.

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Constantine VI was Byzantine Emperor.